

In the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims.

1. (withdrawn) A process for preparing 1,2-benzisoxazole-3-acetic acid, comprising the step of reacting 4-hydroxy-coumarin with hydroxyl-amine in the presence of a base.
2. (withdrawn) The process according to claim 1, wherein the base is selected from the group consisting of carbonate salts, aqueous ammonia, and organic bases.
3. (withdrawn) The process according to claim 2, wherein the carbonate salt is selected from the group consisting of sodium carbonate and potassium carbonate.
4. (withdrawn) The process according to claim 2, wherein the organic base is an amine.
5. (withdrawn) The process according to claim 4, wherein the amine is selected from the group consisting of triethyl-amine, tributyl-amine, and diethyl-amine.
6. (withdrawn) The process according to claim 1, wherein the process is performed in the presence of an alcohol.
7. (withdrawn) The process according to claim 6, wherein the alcohol is a lower alcohol.
8. (withdrawn) The process according to claim 7, wherein the lower alcohol is selected from the group consisting of ethanol, methanol, n-butanol, iso-propyl-alcohol, iso-butanol, amyl-alcohol, and iso-amyl alcohol.
9. (withdrawn) The process according to claim 6, wherein the process is performed at a temperature between room temperature and boiling point of the alcohol.
10. (withdrawn) The process according to claim 9, wherein the process is performed at a temperature between about 40°C and about 60°C.

11– 19. (canceled)

20. (currently amended) ~~The process according to claim 1, wherein~~ A process for preparing 1,2-benzisoxazole-3-methane sulfonamide, comprising
(a) reacting 4-hydroxy-coumarin with hydroxyl-amine in the presence of a base to form 1,2-benzisoxazole-3-acetic acid; and
(b) converting the 1,2-benzisoxazole-3-acetic acid is thereafter converted to the
1,2-benzisoxazole-3-methane sulfonamide.

21. (canceled)

22. (currently amended) 1,2-benzisoxazole-3-methane sulfonamide prepared in accordance with the process of claim 20 ~~1~~.

23. (canceled)

24. (new) The process according to claim 20, wherein the base is selected from the group consisting of carbonate salts, aqueous ammonia, and organic bases.

25. (new) The process according to claim 24, wherein the carbonate salts are sodium carbonate and potassium carbonate.

26. (new) The process according to claim 24, wherein the organic bases are amines.

27. (new) The process according to claim 26, wherein the amines are triethyl-amine, tributyl-amine, and diethyl-amine.

28. (new) The process according to claim 20, wherein step (a) is performed in the presence of an alcohol.

29. (new) The process according to claim 28, wherein the alcohol is a lower alcohol.
30. (new) The process according to claim 29, wherein the lower alcohol is selected from the group consisting of ethanol, methanol, n-butanol, iso-propyl-alcohol, iso-butanol, amyl-alcohol, and iso-amyl alcohol.
31. (new) The process according to claim 28, wherein step (a) is performed at a temperature between room temperature and boiling point of the alcohol.
32. (new) The process according to claim 31, wherein step (a) is performed at a temperature between about 40°C and about 60°C.
33. (new) The process according to claim 31, wherein the organic base is an amine.
34. (new) The process according to claim 33, wherein the amine is selected from the group consisting of triethyl-amine, tributyl-amine, and diethyl-amine.